

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 62, from line 10 through line 17, with the following paragraph:

-- The human PinX1 gene localizes to chromosome 8p23 close to the microsatellite marker D8S277, based on the human genome sequence (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genemap99/map.cgi?CHR=8>) (Deloukas et al., 1998). Interestingly, loss of heterozygosity (LOH) at 8p23 has been shown to occur at a high frequency in a number of human cancers including liver, breast, colorectal, prostate, lung, head and neck, pancreatic and urinary bladder carcinomas (Baffa et al., 2000; Bockmuhl et al., 2001; Emi et al., 1992; Ishwad et al., 1999; Matsuyama et al., 1994; Nielsen and Briand, 1989; Perinchery et al., 1999; Pineau et al., 1999; Shao et al., 2000; Sun et al., 1999), suggesting that PinX1 may be a potential tumor suppressor. --